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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

## Honorable Sir:

This paper is in response to the non-Final Office Action of January 16, 2009. Please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims, which are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments, which begin on page 12 of this paper.

<u>Appendix</u>, which includes a copy of the publication entitled, "Improved Tools for Biological Sequence Comparison," follows page 14 of this paper.

Applicant respectfully petitions for a 2-month extension of time and has included the fee therefor.